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TAGS: CASC, YO (TOTH, LASZLO)

SUBJ: FURTHER ON TOTH CASE

REF: BELGRADE 4473 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONOFF AGAIN ASKED FSFA CONSULAR OFFICIAL FOR CONSULAR ACCESS TO TOTH ON AUGUST 26, POINTING OUT THAT IN CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSMAN FOLEY AND DEPARTMENT OFFICER BROWN PRIME MINISTER BIJEDIC HAD SAID THAT CONSULAR ACCESS TO AMERICAN CITIZENS WOULD NEVER BE PROBLEM.

2. RESPONSE WAS AS ANTICIPATED THAT TOTH IS YUGOSLAV CITIZEN CHARGED WITH SERIOUS CRIME AND THAT MATTER BEING HANDLED ACCORDING YUGOSLAV LAW. FSFA CONSULAR OFFICIAL SAID THAT WHAT PRIME MINISTER REPORTEDLY SAID IS CERTAINLY TRUE AND THAT IF TOTH NOT YUGOSLAV CITIZEN THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM. CONOFF REMARKED THAT CRIME DID NOT SEEM SO SERIOUS AND FSFA OFFICIAL REPLIED THAT IT NOT FOR US TO JUDGE.

3. CONOFF ALSO TALKED AGAIN WITH TOTH'S SISTER ON AUGUST 25. SHE REPORTED THAT TOTH WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH LAWYER SHE HAD HIRED AND THAT HE HAS ENGAGED NEW ATTORNEY, SLOBODAN BELJANSKI, RADNICKA #55, NOVI SAD, TELEPHONE 24-169. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO REACH BELJANSKI.

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4. SISTER SAID SHE HAD BEEN PERMITTED TO SEE TOTH

OVER WEEKEND AND THAT HE DEPRESSED AND NERVOUS AND  
AFRAID CASE "GOING IN WRONG DIRECTION." SHE SAID HE  
WAS TO HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED AGAIN ON JDGUST 25.  
SISTER SAID HE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT JOB AT GREAT  
WESTERN SUGAR COMPANY AS HE KNOWS HE IS NEEDED THERE  
NOW.

5. ACCORDING TO SISTER, TOTH SAID FORMER COLLEAGUES  
AT VRBAS SUGAR MILL BEING QUESTIONED AND THAT HE  
AFRAID THEY WILL "SAY WHAT STATE SECURITY WANTS THEM  
TO SAY." SISTER REPORTS THAT "OFFICIAL COMPANY  
PHOTOGRAPHER" WHO TOOK PHOTOS HAS ALSO BEEN ARRESTED  
AND THAT ABOUT 800 SLIDES TOTH TOOK DURING STAY  
IN YUGOSLAVIA CONFISCATED.

6. SISTER BROUGHT LETTER FROM TOTH ADDRESSED TO HIS  
WIFE WHICH CONOFF AGREED TO SEND TO HER.  
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